

Hillside Nursery School Cedar Avenue, Haslingden, Lancashire, BB4 5NH

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Dear Prospective Candidate,

Thank you for your interest in the Headteacher position at Hillside Nursery School. I'm writing on behalf of the Governing Board to tell you a little more about us and what we're looking for.

Hillside is a maintained Nursery School with extended services provision (section 27), offering funded places for children aged 9 months to 4 years, with additional fee-paying places available. We also offer breakfast, lunch club, and wraparound sessions to support the childcare needs of our families.

Our provision is spread across three well-established rooms:

- Seedlings (9 months to 1 year),
- Acorns (1 to 2 years), and
- **Oak** (3 to 4 years).

Each space is carefully planned to meet the developmental needs of the children, and we're proud of the nurturing, engaging environments we've created. We're also incredibly lucky to have an excellent outdoor learning area and a forest space that is well used and loved by our children.

Our mission is simple but powerful: *Children at the heart of everything we do; Hillside Nursery School at the heart of the community we serve.* This is not just a motto—it guides all our decisions and underpins our day-to-day work.

We're currently rated *Good* by Ofsted following our most recent inspection in January 2023, and we're excited about what the future holds. As Headteacher, you'll work closely with our staff and the Governing Board to maintain our strengths while building on the momentum we've created. This is a great opportunity to join us at a key point in our development.

You'll be well supported by a dedicated and enthusiastic team of governors, all committed to helping Hillside continue to grow and thrive. We believe this role will appeal to someone who is passionate about early years education and who shares our commitment to nurturing every child's personal, social, and academic development.

We warmly encourage visits to the school so you can see what makes Hillside such a special place. Please contact the school office to arrange a convenient time—we'd love to meet you.

Warmest regards,

Joanne Rainey

Chair of Governors, on behalf of the Governing Board

This school is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment.